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To: Legislative Federal Economic Stimulus Program
Oversight Commission

From: Department of the Attorney General

Subject: ARRA program
STOP (Services, Training, Officers, and Prosecutors)
Violence Against Women Act Formula Grant Program
Office on Violence Against Women,
U.S. Department of Justice

Award number
2009-EF-S6-0021

Project title
OVW RECOVERY ACT STOP Violence Against Women Formula
Grant Program 2009-X2081-HI-EF

As requested by the Commission's letter dated June 22, 2010, the Department of the Attorney General provides the following information:

(1) (a) A brief project description

The purpose of this Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) grant program is to increase safety for women victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. Hawaii regularly receives VAWA formula grants. The funds are sub-granted, through a competitive process, for projects that improve services to the victims of these crimes, and projects that improve law enforcement, prosecution, and court responses to these victims. The competitive process is also being used for ARRA VAWA funds. A list of the sub-recipients is attached.
(Exhibit 1)

(1) (b) Information on the amount of funds secured, encumbered, and/or expended to date

As of June 30, 2010 (end of most recent federal reporting period):

Secured: \$1,047,877.00

Encumbered: \$ 906,279.00

Expended: \$ 31,258.86

(1) (c) Information on any competitive grants for the Department has applied, lost, and/or obtained and, if applicable, any explanation as to the reason for the failure to secure such grants

None. Only coalitions and agencies that operate transition houses were eligible to apply for ARRA VAWA competitive grants.

(1) (d) Information on any funds that have been returned to the federal government, and, if so, why

No funds have been returned to the federal government.

(2) Information on whether the Department's plans for ARRA funded projects are available on the State's ARRA website, and if not, why and/or when such information will be made available

The Department's plans for ARRA funded projects are available on the State's ARRA website.

(3) Information on any problems or concerns the Department has encountered in securing and/or expending ARRA funds or with satisfying any reporting requirements

A Special Condition of VAWA grants limits the amount of funds that a state can obligate before the U.S. Office for Violence Against Women (OVW) approves the state's Implementation Plan. The Department received notice of this grant award on May 15, 2009, and submitted the Implementation Plan to OVW for approval on July 6, 2009, but did not receive approval until October 29, 2009. This caused a delay in implementing the award.

Pursuant to federal requirements, sub-grants for this program must be allocated as follows:

- at least 5% for State and local courts, including juvenile courts
- at least 25% for law enforcement
- at least 25% for prosecutors
- at least 30% for nonprofit, nongovernmental victim service providers, of which at least 10% for culturally-specific community-based organizations
- up to 15% may be awarded in any of these areas at the Department's discretion

In 2010, the Department received seventeen sub-grant applications, and awarded thirteen sub-grants. The other four applications did not meet the requirements of this program. As of June 30, 2010, a balance of \$141,598 in grant funds remains to be sub-granted. Of this amount, \$52,496 must be awarded to victim service providers (the Department will conduct another solicitation for sub-grant applications in August 2010), and \$89,102 may be awarded at the Department's discretion (the Department is working to allocate these funds in August 2010 to county and state agencies that have demonstrated a need for these funds to address domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking crimes).

FY 2009 OVW Recovery Act STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program
2009-EF-S6-0021
5/1/2009 to 4/30/2011

Agency	Title of Project Judiciary (5%)	Amount	Project Start Date	Project End Date	Description
	Supervision with Safety	\$ 47,154			Augments court-ordered child visitation services in First Circuit Court (through PACT Visitation Center) to provide safety net for domestic violence victims.
	Prosecutor Projects (25%)				
Honolulu Prosecutor	FJC Leadership (partial funding)	\$ 40,819			Supports Executive Director position to plan and manage the Honolulu Family Justice Center.
Maui Prosecutor	DV Investigations	\$ 35,584			Retains an Investigator position to assist Maui County deputy prosecutors assigned to domestic violence cases.
Hawaii Prosecutor	DV Prosecution	\$ 81,678			Retains a deputy prosecutor for vertical prosecution of domestic violence cases.
Kauai Prosecutor	DV Prosecution Unit	\$ 77,711			Retains a deputy prosecutor for vertical prosecution of domestic violence cases.
	Police Projects (25%)				
Hawaii Police Department	Back on Track	\$ 34,373			Provides administrative support to reduce backlog of domestic violence/sexual assault investigation reports.
Hawaii Police Department	SAFE Standby Pay	\$ 43,800	5/1/2010	3/31/2011	Continues 24/7 standby program for trained Sexual Assault Forensic Examiners. SAFE respond to sex assault cases on Hawaii County.
Honolulu Police Department	SA Exam and DNA Analysis (partial funding)	\$ 91,960			Covers the cost to conduct SAFE examinations on sex assault victims and DNA analysis of collected evidence from SAFE exams.
	Victim Services Projects (30%)*				
	Cultural and Linguistic Awareness Training, Protocols, and Immigration Legal Services	\$ 155,867	5/1/2010	3/31/2011	Provides cultural/linguistic sensitivity training to law enforcement and service providers; protocols for law enforcement agencies; and legal services to immigrant victims of domestic violence/sexual assault.
Legal Aid Society of Hawaii	Victim Support Services (Hawaii)	\$ 31,283	5/1/2010	3/31/2011	Retains Domestic Violence Specialists to assist domestic violence victims in courts and in the community.
Child and Family Service	House of Hope (Oahu)	\$ 43,281	5/1/2010	3/31/2011	Retains Domestic Violence Specialists to provide support services to domestic violence victims in the emergency shelter and transitional housing.
	Discretionary Projects (15%)				
Hawaii Police Department	SA Exam and DNA Analysis (partial funding)	\$ 33,040			see above
Honolulu Prosecutor	FJC Leadership (partial funding)	\$ 19,322			see above
	TOTAL	\$ 735,852			

*Required -- Cultural/Linguistic, \$28,283.00

EXHIBIT "J"